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**NASHUA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SELLING
COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Matthew J. Etre Acting Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England reports that 35-year-old Aderci Dasilva pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Concord to selling counterfeit identification documents.

Dasilva, who lived in Nashua, pled guilty to eight counts of selling counterfeit Resident Alien Cards, also know as “green cards,” and counterfeit Social Security cards to an individual who was cooperating with federal agents. He was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on July 28, 2005.

“ICE places a high priority on investigating identity fraud and document fraud cases,” said Matthew J. Etre. “Counterfeit documents create the illusion of legitimacy and allow people to hide in plain sight. ICE is committed to shutting down enterprises that seek to compromise the security of our nation, and is committed to restoring integrity to the immigration system.”

A sentencing hearing was scheduled for January 24, 2006. Dasilva is facing a maximum possible sentence of 15 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. The court ordered that Dasilva be detained until his sentencing hearing.

This case is being investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Bureau of the Department of Homeland Security. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.